

NEWSLETTER



St Margaret's
Primary School

Term Two, Week 4
May 5th, 2025
#14

From Susan's Desk

Leadership and Management News

Dear Families,

We hope you all enjoyed a beautiful Sunday celebrating Mother's Day with your families. We trust that all the mums and special women in our community felt appreciated, loved, and truly celebrated for the incredible role they play in the lives of their children. It's always a joy to see the smiles and connections that come from these special moments.

Our annual *Muffins with Mum* event was once again a huge success! Thank you to all the mothers, grandmothers, and special guests who joined us at school to share a morning with their children. The joy and excitement on the students' faces said it all. This event continues to be a cherished tradition in our school calendar and one that brings our community together in such a positive and meaningful way.

A sincere thank you goes to our wonderful Parents & Friends (P&F) team for their support in coordinating *Muffins with Mum* and for organising the very successful Mother's Day Raffle. The generosity shown through this initiative was truly heartwarming. All funds raised will directly support the reimagination and development of our garden space—a project that will benefit students across all year levels by creating a vibrant, engaging outdoor learning environment. Congratulations to our lucky raffle winners!

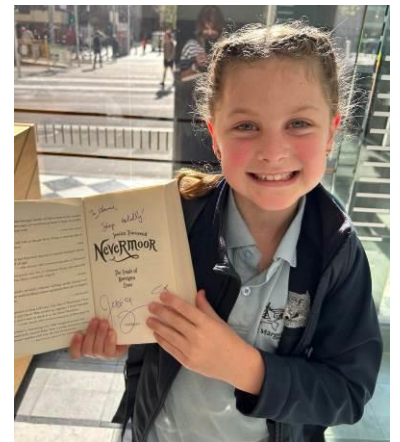
1st PRIZE - Danii Wilson

2nd PRIZE - Bradley Walker

3rd PRIZE - Kate O'Shannessy

DOOR PRIZE - Sarah Hanan

Last Friday, a group of students had the exciting opportunity to attend the Melbourne Writers Festival alongside Miss Jaki. The festival was a valuable experience where students engaged with the world of books, authors, and storytelling. They particularly enjoyed listening to the author Jessica Townsend, the acclaimed writer of the *Nevermoor*, *Wundersmith*, and *Silverborn* series. Jessica's work has captivated readers around the world, and we are thrilled to provide those students with the chance to hear from her in person. This was a fantastic opportunity to foster a love of reading and spark creative inspiration in our young learners.



Attached to this newsletter, you will find a visual summary of our School's 5-Year Strategic Plan. Following our school review last year, this plan was developed using the feedback and recommendations provided by the review panel. We encourage all families to take the time to read through this document, as it outlines the key directions, goals, and priorities that will guide our school over the coming years. It reflects our commitment to continuous improvement, excellence in teaching and learning, and a thriving, connected school community.

Have a great week!

Susan Perks

We acknowledge the traditional owners of the land that St Margaret's is located on, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging and acknowledge the importance of Aboriginal culture in all the work we do.



All students attending St Margaret's Primary School have the right to feel safe. The care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people is a fundamental responsibility of all within our school. St Margaret's is a culturally safe environment in which the diverse and unique identities and experiences of all children and young people are respected and valued.

Learning and Teaching News

Term Two

May

Monday, May 12th

Tuesday, May 13th

Wednesday, May 14th

Friday, May 16th

Saturday, May 17th

Monday, May 19th

Tuesday, May 20th

Wednesday, May 21st

Friday, May 23rd

Thursday, May 29th

Friday, May 30th

Tree Drive launch (P&F)

Hot Chocolate Fundraiser 8.30am

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P-2 Incursion: Responsible Pet Education

Hot Chocolate Fundraiser 8.30am

Whole School Photo

School Assembly (Years 5/6)

Story Dogs

Working Bee – from 8am

Year 5/6 Lightning Premiership

Division Cross Country – Selected Students

5/6 Internet Safety Session with Vic Police

National Simultaneous Storytime 12 noon

Story Dogs

FIRE Carriers excursion to GMHBA

Tree Drive orders close

School Assembly (Years 3/4)

Story Dogs

June

Friday, June 6th

Monday, June 9th

Tuesday, June 10th

Friday, June 13th

Saturday, June 14th

Tuesday, June 17th

Friday, June 20th

Tuesday, June 24th

Wednesday, June 25th

Friday, June 27th

Tuesday, June 24th

Story Dogs

King's Birthday public holiday

School Closure Day - Staff PL

School Assembly (Years 1/ 2)

P&F Special Lunch

Story Dogs

Working Bee (planting /tree collection)

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Division Soccer - Selected Students

Story Dogs

School Board 7pm

Division Tee-Ball – Selected Students

School Assembly (Prep)

Story Dogs

School Board 7pm

July

Friday, July 4th

Reports to Parents

Term Two ends - 1.30pm dismissal

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Calendar of Events

(new items in bold)

Term Three

July

Monday, July 21st
Tuesday, July 22nd

School Closure Day - Staff PL
Students begin Term Three

August

Tuesday, August 5th
Tuesday, August 12th
Wednesday, August 13th
Monday, August 18th
Tuesday, August 19th
Sunday, August 31st

School Board 7pm
Book Fair Week
Emmaus Meal 5.30pm
Book Week begins 'Book an Adventure'
Book Week Dress Up Parade
Sacrament of First Eucharist 2.30pm

September

Tuesday, September 9th
Friday, September 19th

School Board 7pm
Term Three ends. 1.30pm dismissal

Term Four

October

Monday, October 6th
Tuesday, October 7th
Tuesday, October 21st

School Closure Day - Staff PL
Students begin Term Four
School Board 7pm

November

Monday, November 3rd
Tuesday, November 4th
Wed-Fri, Nov 5th-7th
Monday, November 10th
Tuesday, November 11th
Wednesday, November 12th
Thursday, November 20th

School Closure Day
Melbourne Cup Public holiday
Year 5/6 students at Camp Kangarooobie
Year 5/6 only, student free day (TIL staff day)
Remembrance Day
Penance Preparation Family Evening 5.30pm
Sacrament of Penance 12 noon

December

Friday, December 5th
Tuesday, December 9th
Monday, December 15th
Tuesday, December 16th

School Closure Day - Staff PL
School Board 7pm
Year 6 Graduation
End of Term Four 1.30pm dismissal

May I Be Glad



May I be glad that I walk like me
May I be glad that I talk like me.
May I be glad that I act like me.
May I be glad that I look like me.
May I be glad to be young like me
May I be glad to grow old like me.
May I be glad to live life as me.
May I be glad to face God as me.

Leadership and Management News



DIVISION CROSS COUNTRY TEAM

Come and join our cross country training sessions!

🕒 WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

🕒 8:40AM - 9:00AM

📍 MEET ON THE RUNNING TRACK
OUTSIDE PASSIVE PLAY

Division Cross Country Team

Franki Pease
Harry Higgins
Aiden Coumans
Eden Tran
Mac Salkeld
Niah Mirmilstein
Summer Ryan
Kartia Mirmilstein
Ivy Mason
Claudia Walker
Toby Broad
Jack O'Brien

Archer McIntosh
Ishe Tobayiwa
Tamiko Kai
Frankie Payne
Loyola Jackson
Elizabeth Mendiola
Charlie Richardson
Isaak Flannagan
Zac Winterton
Ruby O'Leary
Harriet Salkeld
Pearl Foley

Opening the Doors Foundation Reflection session

Friday 9th May

Fire Carriers 2025



I liked getting on the site for Opening the Doors Foundation and having time to investigate information for ourselves. Toby



I learnt that some people are not as fortunate to have access to the same resources as us, so it important to be respectful and to support the Opening the Doors Foundation. Piper

I think our fundraiser - 'Hot Chocs before school' will be a great way to raise money for the Opening the Doors Foundation. Finley

It was a longer session to investigate the Opening the Doors foundation and I loved the hot chocolate we had. Holly M

Today's session was a great opportunity to learn more about the Opening the Doors Foundation which helps support Koorie kids and their education. Molly J

School Community News

**Visit from the Peace Run:
Promoting the peace and kindness that starts with you.**



HOT CHOCOLATES BEFORE SCHOOL

BYO Cup or Mug for FREE marshmallow!

Days open

- Week 4
- Monday May 12th Start 8:30
- Tuesday May 13th Start 8:30
- Wednesday 14th May Start 8:30

The event will be held in the multi purpose room at 8:30 and will cost just a gold coin, Feel free to come around, get a drink and have a good chat with friends!

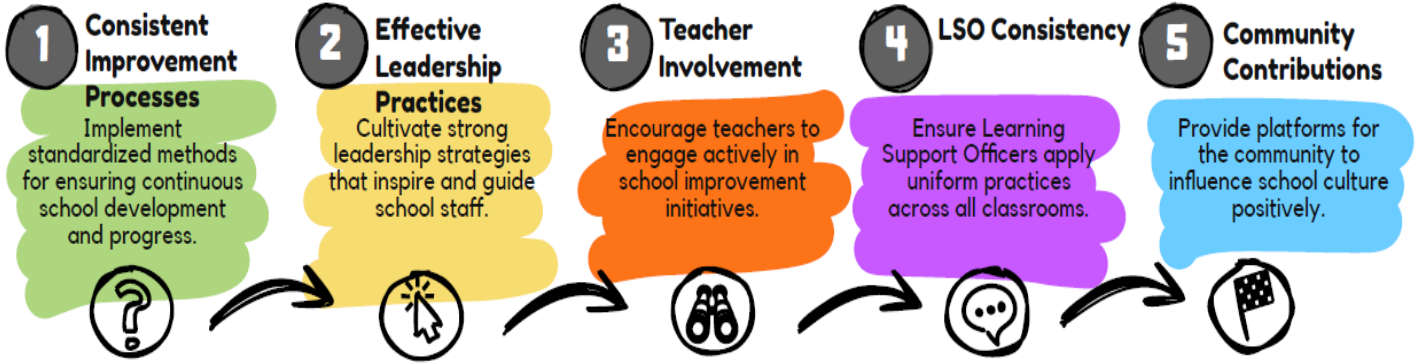
All money raised will go to the Opening Doors Foundation to support First Nations kids in need.



OPENING THE DOORS FOUNDATION



St Margaret's School Improvement Goals (SIP 2025-2028).



Working Bee
Saturday May 17th
from 8am
Please join us as we
begin our P&F Garden
Project.